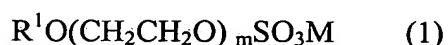


IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As anionic surfactants, sulfate-type anionic surfactants, sulfonate-type anionic surfactants and carboxylate-type anionic surfactant are preferred. Examples include alkyl sulfates, polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether sulfates, polyoxyalkylene alkenyl ether sulfates, sulfosuccinate alkylene alkylphenyl ether sulfates, and higher fatty acid salts. Among these, preferred are polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether sulfates, polyoxyalkylene alkenyl ether sulfates and alkyl sulfates, with those represented by the following formula (1) or (2) being preferred.



wherein R^1 represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having a carbon number of from 10 to 18, R^2 represents an alkyl group having a carbon number of from 10 to 18, M represents an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkanolamine or basic amino acid, and m stands for the value of from 1 to 5 on weight average.

Please replace the abstract at page 19 with the attached Replacement Abstract, which appears at the end of this paper.